

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1926

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



To WILLIAM F. CRAIG, *Director of Registration.*

The Board of Registration in Pharmacy respectfully submits its annual report for the year ending November 30, 1926, the same being its forty-first report.

From the first day of December 1925 to the thirtieth day of November 1926, applicants were examined and were passed or rejected as is shown in the following table:—

EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS PHARMACISTS.

Date	Number examined	Number passed
January 19	58	13
February 25	58	12
March 23	57	16
April 22	61	14
May 27	59	17
June 29	58	28
September 29	56	21
November 30	63	21
	<hr/> 470	<hr/> 142

EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANTS.

Date		
February 18	58	22
April 23	55	10
June 30	47	10
October 28	50	15
	<hr/> 210	<hr/> 57

The following table shows the number of successful applicants who had either graduated or were students in recognized colleges of pharmacy:—

	Registered Pharmacists	Registered Assistants
Total number of persons registered	142	57
Number of graduates passing	65	9
Number of undergraduates passing	21	24
Percentage of college trained men passing	60.5%	57.8%

The following table shows the registration of pharmacists through inter-state reciprocity:—

State in which applicant had been registered	Number registered
Connecticut	1
Illinois	1
Maine	10
Nebraska	1
New Hampshire	3
Pennsylvania	2
Utah	1
Vermont	1
Washington	1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following table shows the net amounts received from fees and paid into the Treasury of the Commonwealth:—

1892 permits at \$5	\$9,460.00
902 liquor certificates at \$5	4,510.00
187 examinations (1st exam.) at \$5	935.00
437 examinations (re-exam.) at \$3	1,311.00
19 registration by reciprocity at \$10	190.00
11 duplicate certificates at \$5	55.00
38 certified statements at \$1	38.00
Bank interest credited	16.67
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Total amount paid into the Treasury of the Commonwealth \$16,515.67

The following appropriations were expended during the year:—

	Amount appropriated	Amount expended
Salaries of the Board	\$3,800.00	\$3,788.71
Salary of the Agent	2,160.00	2,160.00
Traveling and office expenses (\$6200. and emergency allowance \$42.96)	6,242.96	6,242.96
	<hr/> \$12,202.96	<hr/> \$12,191.67

The Board of Registration in Pharmacy has paid into the Treasury of the Commonwealth a surplus of \$4,324. over its expenses as shown by the following:—

Amount paid into the Treasury of the Commonwealth from fees received by the Board.....	\$16,515.67
Amount expended from Appropriations	<hr/> 12,191.67

Surplus paid into the Treasury \$4,324.00

A stenographer and clerk are supplied by the Director of Registration at salaries totaling \$2,730. Whether this amount is considered additionally or not, the Board is amply self-supporting.

SUMMARY.

There are at the present time 1894 drug stores in the Commonwealth, 68 new stores having been opened during the year and 37 closed, making a net increase of 31. The condition of the trade for the year has been, generally speaking, prosperous.

Meetings of the Board have been held as follows:—

For examinations	12
For hearings	34
Total number of meetings	<hr/> 46

Hearings before the Board either pertain to complaints received by the Board or are in the nature of inquiries relating to applications. Hearings upon complaints are conducted in a manner similar to trials at court. Witnesses are summoned by the Board who testify under oath and the respondent is usually represented by counsel. Hearings upon complaints are divided into two principal classes,—First, charges of misconduct based upon violations of Prohibition regulations and reported to this office by the Federal Prohibition Administrator. Second, violations of the State law including cases which have been tried in the courts of the Commonwealth and a few others relating to violations reported direct to the Board and not tried in the courts.

A summary of the various cases tried by the Board follows:—

Hearings relative to cases based upon court convictions	30
Hearings relative to cases based upon Federal permit revocations	34
Hearings relative to violations reported direct to the Board	8
Hearings relative to applications for reciprocity, drug store permits, liquor certificates, etc.	<hr/> 87
Total number of hearings	159

The result of many cases is the suspension or revocation of the drug store permit, personal registration or liquor certificate. The following is a summary of the findings:—

Drug store permits revoked	11
Drug store permits suspended	11
Registered Pharmacist's personal certificates suspended	13
Assistant Pharmacist's personal certificate suspended	1
Liquor certificates revoked	7
Number of persons refused permits (not granted upon re-application)	22
Number of persons refused liquor certificates (not granted upon re-application)	24
Number of persons placed upon probation after hearing	25

The Board has exercised the greatest care in the issuing of permits and liquor certificates. Upon change of store ownership or the starting of new stores, the conditions are carefully investigated. No permit is granted to a

new store until it has a stock of drugs sufficient to compound any ordinary prescription and a complete equipment of scales, graduates and mortars.

The agent's inspection work has greatly increased so that it has become necessary to call upon the department of Public Safety to detail men to drug store signs and discontinuance of prescription work. With the assist-
assist him. In cases where the Board has suspended a permit, the agent makes special observations to see that the law is carried out by the removal of
ance of a member of the detective force such stores are "tried out" to ascertain whether or not they are filling prescriptions and selling drugs which can only be sold in registered drug stores.

The Board through its agent and in co-operation with local authorities, has prosecuted twenty-eight persons not registered as pharmacists who have been conducting a drug business without authority either by advertising their stores by means of signs and otherwise as bone fide drug stores or by selling drugs not lawful to be sold except in registered stores. Convictions were obtained in all cases.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In 1907 the salary of the Secretary was changed from a per diem basis to that of a salary of \$1000 annually. Since that time the work and responsibility have practically doubled and there has been no change in the salary.

For example, the Board has found it impossible to give hearings to all persons whose applications seemed to require special attention, and therefore has adopted the method of delegating the secretary to confer with many of the applicants. A complete record of these informal hearings is made by the Secretary and reported to the full Board by him at the meetings. Approximately two hundred of these conferences have been held by the Secretary during the year.

The compensation is not adequate for the services rendered and the Board would therefore recommend an increase.

The laws of Massachusetts do not require that an applicant for registration as a Pharmacist shall be a college of Pharmacy graduate. In this respect Massachusetts falls below the standard set by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Some states refuse entirely to accept registration from Massachusetts while others enter only into a partial reciprocal relation, accepting only those candidates who are college graduates even though registered in Massachusetts. The college prerequisite is in force in twenty-five states at present and five states have enacted laws to become effective later. Those having present laws are:—

Arkansas, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia.

Those having laws becoming effective in 1927 and 1928 are:—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Utah.

The Board therefore recommends legislation requiring that candidates for registration as pharmacists be college of pharmacy graduates.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. BRANDES, *President.*

CHARLES W. KING, *Secretary.*

WILLIAM R. ACHESON.

FREDERICK W. ARCHER.

WILLIAM HARDIE.

With the closing of this fiscal year Frederick A. Brandes, our president, retired from office according to statute. Mr. Brandes is a truly professional man with the love of pharmacy in his heart. He has conducted the office of president for the past three years with most excellent judgment, and it is with much regret that we are called upon to part with his valued services and companionship.

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